

REMARKS

Request for continued examination of this Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-18 are pending, with claims 1 and 10 being the independent claims. Claims 1-10 are amended. This amendment is believed to introduce no new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections.

Personal Interview with Examiner

A telephonic interview was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 between Supervisory Examiner Ricky Q. Ngo, Examiner Wei Po Eric Kao and Applicants' representative Kendrick P. Patterson (Reg. No. 45,321). Applicants would like to thank the Examiners for their indulgence and thoughtful considerations.

During the interviews, Applicants' representative presented an overview of the claimed invention and discussed the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103. A claim amendment was also proposed to address the Examiner's concerns. The Examiner agreed that the proposed amendment would overcome the standing rejections, pending a further search. The proposed amendment is reflected in the above amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable in view of a combination of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0053699 issued to McCrady *et al.* (“McCrady”); U.S. Patent No. 6,108,588 issued to Vanderspool II (“Vanderspool”); U.S. Patent No. 5,521,907 issued to Ennis, Jr. *et al.* (“Ennis”); U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0195984 issued to Zisapel *et al.* (“Zisapel”); U.S. Patent No. 6,169,903 issued to Dorenbosch (“Dorenbosch”); and a publication by Marshall Brain & Tom Harris, entitled “How GPS Receivers Work” (“Brain & Harris”). Paper No. 20071124, pages 2-17.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s rejection, Applicants consider the rejection to have been rendered moot in light of the above amendment. For example, claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include, *inter alia*, “packets, formatted to support the IP communications protocol, between the reference nodes to determine reference latencies between each reference node and each of the other plurality of reference nodes,” which is not taught or suggest by the applied documents (namely, McCrady, Vanderspool, Ennis, Zisapel, Dorenbosch, and Brain & Harris).

Claims 2-7 and 11-16 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 or 10. The dependent claims, therefore, are patentable over McCrady, Vanderspool, Ennis, Zisapel, Dorenbosch, and/or Brain & Harris for at least the above reason(s), in addition to the particular features recited in the dependent claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the standing rejection, and allowance of the pending claims.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501698.

Respectfully submitted,

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